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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1968, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

The only figure of note in the statistical section is the very high male mortality during the year. A breakdown of figures shows that the excess is largely in deaths from cancer, birth causes and accident. I cannot explain why cancer should have so greatly increased in the year in men.

I would like to thank Mr. Morley for his usual excellent report and for his help and cooperation during the year, and am interested to note in his report that over 18% of homes in the District have now been improved by grant.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	49,727
Estimated mid-year home population	5,700
Average number of persons per acre	0.11
Number of inhabited houses	1,840
Average number of inhabited houses per acre ..	.04
Average number of persons per house	3.1
Rateable Value	£113,341
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£453. 5. 0.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	49	48	97
Illegitimate	3	6	9
	52	54	106

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.17	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	18.6	17.9	15.8	16.8	15.9
" " (Adjusted)	21.8	20.9	18.5	19.6	18.6
England and Wales	16.9	17.2	17.7	18.0	18.4

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Weobley R.D. ..	8.5
England and Wales ..	*

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Weobley R.D.	Nil	9.7	22.0	20.8	11.1
England and Wales	14.0	14.8	15.4	15.7	16.3

*figure not yet available

INFANT DEATH RATES

Early Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	9.4
England and Wales	..	10.5

Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	9.4
England and Wales	..	12.3

Perinatal Mortality

Still Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	9.4
England and Wales	..	25.0

Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Weobley R.D.	(Total	37.7	9.8	33.7	21.3	45.0
	(Legitimate	30.9	11.1	37.0	23.0	47.1
	(Illegitimate	111.0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	18.0	18.3	19.0	19.0	19.9
	(Legitimate	*	*	*	*	19.4
	(Illegitimate	*	*	*	*	26.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D. .. .. Nil
England and Wales .. *

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	51	29	80

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.97	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	14.0	9.7	10.0	11.9	9.8
" " (Adjusted)	13.6	9.2	9.6	10.9	9.6
England and Wales	11.9	11.2	11.7	11.5	11.3

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	12	2	14

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Weobley R.D.	2.46	2.29	1.60	1.60	1.61
England and Wales	*	2.27	2.25	2.23	2.20

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	22	20	42

*figures not available

Cardio-Vascular Disease (Continued)

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Weobley R.D.	7.37	4.58	5.87	7.13	5.72
England and Wales	*	5.77	5.97	5.95	5.73

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	5	4	9

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Weobley R.D.	1.58	0.53	0.71	0.71	0.71
England and Wales	*	1.37	1.60	1.41	1.37

*figures not yet available

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	7	1	8
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-	1
Other endocrine etc., diseases	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	1	2
Hypertensive disease	-	1	1
Oschaemic heart disease	13	4	17
Other forms of heart disease	-	3	3
Cerebrovascular disease	7	10	17
Other diseases of circulatory system	-	1	1
Pneumonia	2	3	5
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	-	2
Asthma	-	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Peptic ulcer	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	2	2
Congenital anomalies	2	-	2
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-	1
	51	29	80

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Weobley Rural District

Disease	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Whooping Cough	11	-	5	-	12
Measles	44	113	52	88	45
Scarlet Fever	6	-	16	8	2
*Erysipelas	-	1	1	1	1
*Acute Pneumonia	3	2	6	1	2
Dysentery	1	3	4	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	1	-	-
*Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	1	-	2	-	-

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	18	47	37	5	70
Measles	526	314	271	525	609
Scarlet Fever	11	11	29	12	8
*Erysipelas	-	2	4	3	2
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	2	-	-
Post-Infectious	1	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	1	-	-	-
*Acute Pneumonia	3	5	9	3	8
+Infective Jaundice	8	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	17	285	92	6	3
Food Poisoning	6	10	9	8	14
*Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	1	3	4	8	10
Non-Pulmonary	3	2	3	3	3

*Ceased to be notifiable from 1.10.68.
+Notifiable from 15.6.68.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1968.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	1	3	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	4	2	1	18
Measles	-	3	146	133	39	112	66	24	-	-	1	2	526
Scarlet Fever	1	-	2	2	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	11
Acute Encephalitis:													
Post-Infectious	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
* Acute Pneumonia	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
+ Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	1	1	8
Dysentery	-	-	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	17
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	6
* Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3

* Ceased to be notifiable from 1.10.68.

\+ Notifiable from 15.6.68.

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Herefordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.05	0.35
Measles	1.41	4.86
Scarlet Fever	0.03	0.31
Acute Encephalitis:		
Post-Infectious	0.003	0.001
Dysentery	0.05	0.40
Food Poisoning	0.02	0.12
Infective jaundice	0.02	0.24
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.003	0.22
Non-Pulmonary	0.01	0.04

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1967	14	8	5	5
New cases notified	1	-	-	-
Died	1	-	-	-
Moved out of district	-	-	1	-
Number on Register at 31st December 1968	14	8	4	5

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1964	-	43	1	1
1965	-	40	-	-
1966	2	38	-	4
1967	1	32	1	4
1968	1	31	1	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

The Rural District is situated in the North Western portion of the County. It comprises 26 parishes covering an area of 49,727 acres of mainly agricultural land, and, whilst there are no large villages, each parish has a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

The chief industry is agriculture, and for some years rationalisation of the industry has had the effect of reducing the number of persons employed in farming, and resulting in their finding alternative employment, chiefly in Hereford, and, to a lesser extent, in Leominster.

There is also a tendency for young persons to leave the area permanently in search of suitable employment and for older persons from industrial areas to move in with a view to retirement.

WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Regional and Village Supplies

The whole of the district is within the statutory area of the supply of the Herefordshire Water Board and mains supplies are available in the greater portion of the District.

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses (including farm-houses)

Parish	No. of Houses	Approx. Population
Almeley	96	288
Birley	7	21
Bishopstone	70	210
Blakemere	17	51
Bridge Sollars	10	30
Brinsop	6	18
Brobury	1	3
Byford	33	99
Canon Pyon	120	360
Dilwyn	103	309
Eardisland	54	162
Kinnersley	39	117
Kings Pyon	63	189
Letton	10	30
Mansel Lacy	39	117
Moccas	23	69
Monnington-on-Wye	9	27

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses (Continued) (including farm houses)

Parish	No. of Houses	Approx.Population
Norton Canon	60	180
Preston-on-Wye	26	78
Sarnesfield	5	15
Staunton-on-Wye	101	303
Stretford	2	6
Weobley	214	642
Yazor	18	54
Water Supplied from Private Mains		
Bridge Sollars	2	6
Brinsop	3	9
Canon Pyon	2	6
Mansel Lacy	4	12
Preston-on-Wye	20	60
Wormsley	22	66
Yazor	15	45
Water Supplied from Public Mains by means of Standpipes		
Almeley	1	3
Birley	2	6
Bishopstone	1	3
Dilwyn	6	18
Weobley	8	24

The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 71 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination as follows:-

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
Public Supplies (chlorinated)	47	17	64
Other supplies (wells, springs & Private Supplies)	1	6	7
	48	23	71

Where samples have been proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled prior to use.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

In February the Council received the Consulting Engineers' Report and resolved that approval, in principle, be given for the extension of the Weobley Sewage Disposal Works, so as to provide for existing and future development at Weobley Marsh, Kings Pyon and Norton Canon. Instructions were also given with a view to obtaining provisional approval from the Ministry of Housing & Local Government.

The existing works at Dilwyn, Canon Pyon and Staunton-on-Wye have functioned satisfactorily and gradually more properties are being connected to the sewers.

The new extended aeration plant and sewerage scheme at Moccas is virtually completed, but, owing to pressure of other work, progress on the preparation of a scheme for Preston-on-Wye has been unavoidably delayed.

Number of houses connected to public sewers	252
Number of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works	806 (Est.)
Number of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets with satisfactory disposal	Not known
Number of houses without satisfactory means of disposal	Not known

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the area.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A fortnightly collection of household refuse is in operation throughout the District, and the Council's staff and vehicle also undertake a fortnightly collection throughout the Kington R.D.C. area.

The problem of disposal of refuse is still with us, as regards availability of suitable tipping sites, and the appropriate Committee is aware of the position.

On the various collection rounds, the refuse freighter travelled some 12,662 miles during the year at an average of 10.13 miles per gallon.

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Survey of the District under Section 2 of the Act, is being undertaken by Contract, also all Council properties are being treated,as necessary, from time to time.

Particulars forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture on the revised form I.R.31 are as follows:-

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in district		1298	679
2. a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification		Nil	Nil
b) Number infested by	1) Rats	Nil	Nil
	2) Mice	Nil	Nil
3. a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification		688	250
b) Number infested by	1) Rats	56	39
	2) Mice	3	-

SEWERS

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year ? YES

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers' Regulations, 1959.

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Building Inspections and new Buildings	360	8	-	8
Building Plans	135	-	-	-
Building Regulations	13	-	-	-
Building Sites	1	-	-	-
Council Housing Schemes	96	-	-	-
Council House Management and Maintenance	371	3	-	3
Council House Tenancy Investigations	96	-	-	-
Discretionary Improvement Grants	18	-	-	-
Establishment	9	-	-	-
Food Premises	14	-	-	-
Housing (F.P.) Act	24	-	-	-
Housing Inspections	56	2	-	2
Infectious Disease Enquiries	6	-	-	-
Ice Cream Licences	2	-	-	-
Meat Inspection	137	-	-	-
Milk Samples	17	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	85	-	-	-
Moveable Dwellings	25	1	-	1
Nuisances	68	11	-	11
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	5	-	-	-
Petroleum Inspections	17	-	-	-
Public Offices	6	-	-	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	85	-	-	-
Rodent Control	4	-	-	-
Slaughterhouses	9	-	-	-

Cont.

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR (Cont)

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Sewage Disposal	247	-	-	-
Standard Improvement Grants	65	-	-	-
Unsound Food	3	-	-	-
Valuation of Property	8	-	-	-
Water Samples	78	-	-	-
Water Supplies	4	-	-	-
Totals	2064	25	-	25

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

There are no large factories within the rural area and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

The list of factories within the rural area is as follows:-

	FACTORIES Mechanical Power With	Without	Total	Other Premises
Almeley	1	-	1	1
Blakemere	2	-	2	-
Canon Pyon	3	-	3	1
Dilwyn	1	-	1	1
Eardisland	1	-	1	1
Moccas	1	-	1	-
Norton Canon	1	-	1	1
Preston-on-Wye	1	-	1	1
Weobley	6	-	6	2
	17	-	17	8

The 'Other Premises' described in the foregoing list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of 'Factories' as described in the Act.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958, AND HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959

Discretionary Improvement Grants

The scheme has been implemented by the Council since 1952 and so far 148 proposals have been approved, two of which were later withdrawn by the applicants. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to 7.4% of the total number of occupied houses.

Ten schemes were approved by the Council during the year.

Standard Improvement Grants

This method of improving old properties continues to be well received and during the year 23 applications were made and approved, with 23 completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959, some 233 proposals amounting to about 11.7% of the total occupied houses in the area have been approved, five of these being later withdrawn by the applicants.

HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

Construction of two elderly persons' bungalows at Bishopstone, three bungalows and four general-needs houses at Moccas, was well advanced by the close of the year, completions being anticipated in February/March 1969.

Future proposals include a small housing scheme at Preston-on-Wye and a Grouped Dwelling scheme and four additional bungalows at Weobley. Work on the Grouped Dwelling scheme is likely to commence early next year.

A summary of the various Council Housing Schemes is given on Page 18.

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

19 new dwellings were completed during 1968, and at the close of the year, a further 14 were in various stages of construction.

Wherever possible, the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES

	Completed	Year	Under construction	Year	Houses in preparatory stages	Year
Almeley	8	1951	-	-	-	-
	2	1955	-	-	-	-
	11	1956	-	-	4	1966
Bishopstone	2	1945	-	-	-	-
	12	1966	-	-	-	-
	2	1968	-	-	-	-
Canon Pyon	2	1945	-	-	-	-
	14	1965	-	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	6	1965	-	-	-	-
Dilwyn	12	1953	-	-	-	-
	4	1955	-	-	-	-
Eardisland	4	1954	-	-	-	-
	15	1955	-	-	-	-
Kings Pyon	6	1966	-	-	-	-
Norton Canon	2	1944	-	-	-	-
	4	1966	-	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	2	1966	-	-	-	-
Letton Conversion	2	1966	-	-	-	-
Moccas	-	-	-	-	7	1962
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	12	1962
Staunton-on-Wye	14	1966	-	-	-	-
Weobley	14	1949	-	-	-	-
	10	1955	-	-	-	-
	22	1956	-	-	-	-
	9	1957	-	-	-	-
(Conversions)	1	1948	-	-	-	-
	2	1952	-	-	-	-
	5	1952	-	-	-	-
	3	1958	-	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	20	1962	-	-	-	-
(Group Dwelling)	-	-	-	-	25	1964
	222		-		48	

FINANCIAL ADVANCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE OR RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Since 1956 it has been the Council's policy to advance money for the purposes stated in the heading, and, generally speaking, although applications have not been too numerous, the scheme has functioned successfully and has been proved as a means of promoting new building as well as the repair of existing dwellings, without cost to ratepayers.

Table of Advances made since 1956:

For the construction of new houses or bungalows	15
For the purchase, repair or improvement of existing dwellings:	57

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 244 applications were dealt with during the year, as follows:-

Plans and particulars relating to -

Private Garages	36
Alterations, improvements and additions	55
Drainage systems	19
Advertisement signs	4
Private houses	79
Overhead lines for M.E.B.	11
Accesses	6
Change of use of land	9
Farm Buildings	13
Sites for moveable dwellings	3
Change of use of buildings	6
Verandahs, porches & small extensions	2
Store sheds and greenhouses	21
Connection to public sewer	2
Central heating systems	1
Grain Storage Buildings	1
Milking parlours	1
Broiler Houses	6
Workshops	1

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 54,990 gallons.

There are 12 petrol filling stations and 38 private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No licences were issued during the year for storage of carbide.

HOP-PICKERS' ACCOMMODATION

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms,thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers: 2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

School Milk Supplies

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological and also biological examination. Sixteen samples were sent for bacteriological examination during the year.

Food Premises

Food Premises in area:

Butchers' shops	2	School Canteens	3
Grocers' shops	21	Snack Bars	1
Inns and Hotels	20	Cafes	1

There are also a few smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets in pre-packed wrappers.

Throughout the year, from time to time, miscellaneous inspections of food premises were undertaken during the course of other visits, but 25 inspections were made specifically in connection with Food Hygiene Regulations.

Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg.16	48
Number of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies	48
Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19	48
Premises registered under Food & Drugs Act, 1955 for storage and sale of ice-cream	34

Slaughterhouses and Butchers' Shops

There are two private slaughterhouses in Weobley, both of which are used regularly. Both establishments have been improved.

During the year -

129 Beasts 376 Sheep 13 Lambs 197 Pigs 1 Calf

were slaughtered at the two establishments and, after inspection, the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered:-

Livers:- 40 Bovine 23 sheep's 14 pigs'

1 Sheep's and 1 Pig's carcass & organs
1 Pig's carcass
1 Pig's hind leg

By comparison with 1967, 11% less animals were slaughtered in the area.

100% inspection of all carcasses and organs has been maintained.